



the specification

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

Referring to Figure 2, Bellsouth's network is (as are other typical telephone networks) divided into logical areas and sub-categories therein.

The hierarchy is:

- 9-state BellSouth region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)
- The 9-state region is broken down into state/NVP (Network Vice President). These areas are geographically divided by each state with the exception of Florida which is divided into North Florida and South Florida.
- Each state is broken down into districts. There are a total of 38 districts in BellSouth.
- Each district is broken down into ~~wirecenters~~ wire centers. There are approximately ~~of 1600 wirecenters~~ wire centers in BellSouth.
- Each ~~wirecenter~~ wire center is broken down by location. One location is the central office (CO), which supplies service to remote terminals (RTs). The relationship between locations is one CO to many RTs
- At each location, there is equipment.
- Certain pieces of equipment can be further broken down into slots.

Please amend paragraph [0047] as follows:

The planning and provisioning process is handled primarily by a group of LCMs. As previously explained, the LCMs' responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Planning and providing facilities (circuits, equipment, capacity) for service to potential customers within a given ~~wirecenter~~ wire center;

- Maintaining knowledge of equipment inventory and technology of that equipment within an assigned ~~wirecenter~~ wire center; and
- Budgeting and forecasting for their ~~wirecenter~~ wire center.

Please amend paragraph [0053] as follows:

The tables that data is extracted from comprise: Connection, Equipment, I\_Sysconn, Location, Slot, Support\_Pair, and System from the LEIM database and Pair and Loop from the LEAD database. Only a few fields of data are selected from the Pair and Loop tables and all fields are selected from the remaining tables. An additional ~~Wirecenter~~ Wire center (wc) field is appended to each record on every table. This ~~Wirecenter~~ Wire center field serves as a major identifier for records in the Oracle database. Figures 4-12 depict the tables, variable fields and sizes (according to the LEIS system), and descriptions of each field that is extracted for the purpose of running iView.

Please amend paragraph [0059] as follows:

The table below shows an exemplary maximum number of records that are loaded into the Oracle database at any given time, based on the assumption that six ~~wirecenters~~ wire centers worth of data will be loaded consecutively during this process. In an actual implementation of the present invention, the total maximum number of records loaded onto the server at one time is approximately 6,591,960. Of course, this number will change depending on the implementation.